

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mounting aid for positioning an orthodontic bracket to a tooth, said mounting aid comprising a resilient tensioning device, the tensioning device being attachable ~~attached~~ with respect to the bracket, and a sheet strip, the sheet strip having an abutment portion for positively engaging the bracket, a holding portion for fastening the tensioning device to the sheet strip whereby to secure the sheet strip to the bracket, and a lug extending away from the holding portion.

2. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 1 wherein the bracket has a frame and the abutment portion has an edge and a tongue, the edge being adapted to engage the frame from below the frame and the tongue being adapted to engage the frame from above the frame.

3. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 2 wherein the resilient tensioning device is an elastomeric O-ring.

4. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 2 wherein the resilient tensioning device is a spring.

5. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 2 wherein the holding portion is adapted to firmly hold the tensioning device.

6. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 1 further comprising an anchoring member adapted to attach to the bracket whereby the anchoring member secures the tensioning device to the bracket.

7. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 6 wherein the anchoring member has an end that forms a hook.

8. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 6 wherein the anchoring member is adapted to firmly hold the tensioning device.

9. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 8 wherein the tensioning device is an elastomeric O-ring.

10. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 1 wherein the lug includes a plurality of projections.

11. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 1 wherein the lug includes a widened end.

12. (Original) A mounting aid for mounting an orthodontic bracket to a tooth comprising a sheet strip and a resilient tensioning means to secure the sheet strip to the bracket, the sheet strip having an abutment means for positively engaging the bracket, a holding means for fastening the tensioning means to the sheet strip, and a lug extending away from the holding means.

13. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 12 wherein the bracket has a frame and the abutment means comprises an edge and a tongue, the edge being adapted to engage the frame from below the frame and the tongue being adapted to engage the frame from above the frame.

14. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 12 wherein the tensioning means is an elastomeric O-ring.

15. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 12 wherein the tensioning means is a spring.

16. (Currently Amended) The mounting aid of claim 12 wherein the holding means is adapted to firmly hold the tensioning means.

17. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 12 further comprising an anchoring means for securing the tensioning means to the bracket, the anchoring means being adapted to attach to the bracket.

18. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 17 wherein the anchoring means includes an end that forms a hook.

19. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 17, wherein the anchoring means is adapted to firmly hold the tensioning means and wherein the tensioning means is an elastomeric O-ring.

20. (Original) The mounting aid of claim 12 wherein the lug has a plurality of projections and a widened end.